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Summary

11. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on September 10 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate.
End Summary.

Local Security Situation

12. (SBU) On September 10, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman. Members, including the Duty Officer, cited no security incidents among their staffs or family members over the weekend, while CONS confirmed that there were no reported security incidents involving the private American citizen community.

LESSONS LEARNED - FOLLOW-UP

13. (SBU) RSO raised reftel B, regarding the follow-up to lessons learned from the December 2004 terrorist attack on U.S. Consulate General Jeddah. Specifically, RSO reviewed actions taken in response to previous lessons learned reporting, and noted compliance with paragraph 7 "approved operational and procedural directives." Each member of the EAC was provided with a copy of the follow-up report.

EAC Conclusion

14. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on September 7 (reftel A). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, DCM, P/E, MGT, RSO (Duty Officer), ARSO, SIMO, PAO, CONS, MSG, DAO, and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.
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